

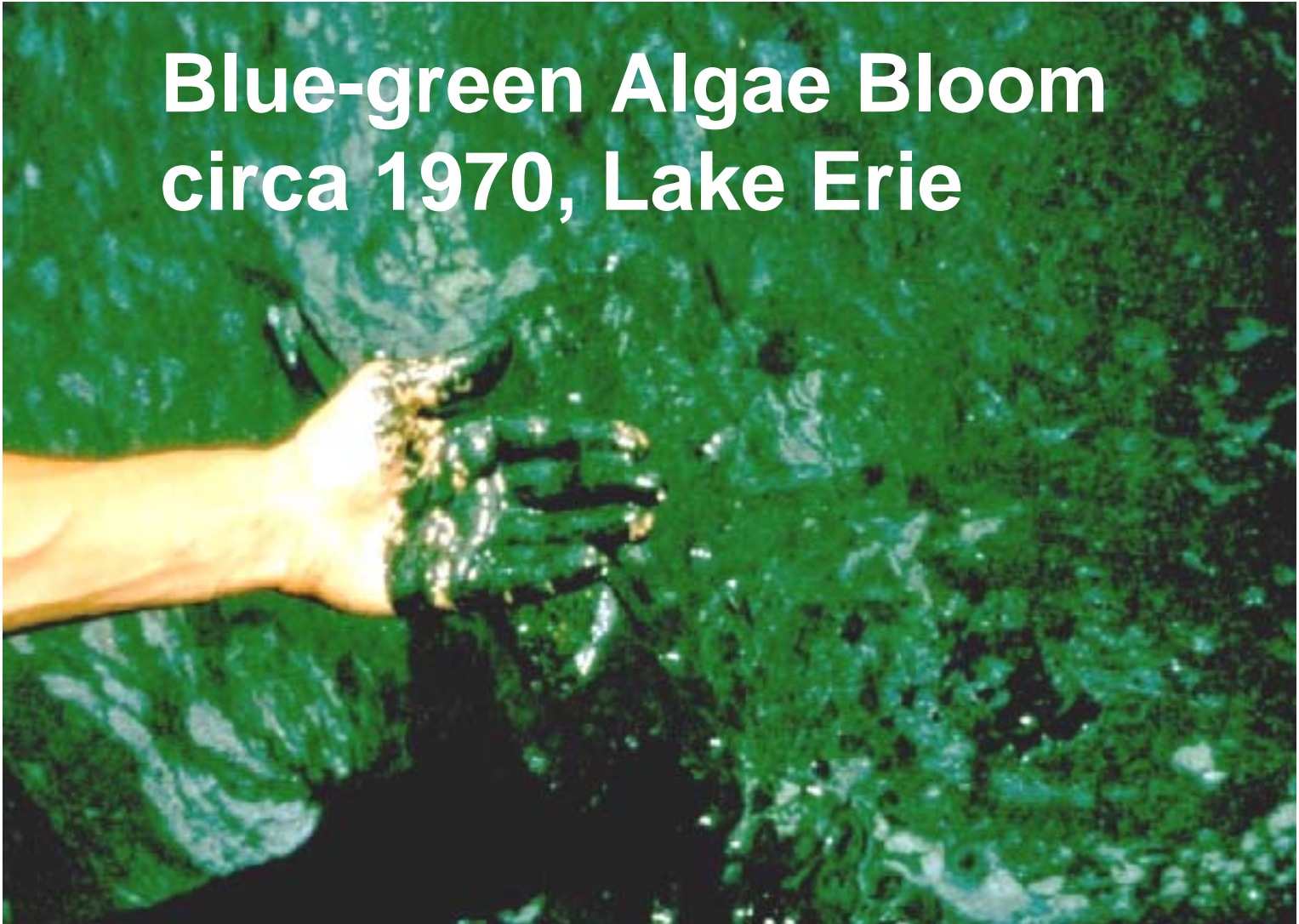
HABs in Lake Erie: Introduction

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Blue-green Algae Bloom circa 1970, Lake Erie



History—1

- **Blue-green blooms common in Western Basin during 60s and 70s**
- **Dominated by 3 species including *Microcystis***
- **Reduced Phos loading in 70s and 80s from 29,000 tons to under 11,000**
- **Thought algal bloom problem solved**

History—2

- **Summer 1995 blooms returned with lower phos and 1 species**
- **Formed Microcystis Group and initiated a large project in 1996 with support from Lake Erie Protection Fund and Ohio Sea Grant**
- **Blooms have continued annually since with lower phos and assistance from ZM**







Needs/Issues

- **Explain current situation, e.g. why is phos increasing**
- **Understand human and ecosystem impacts of HABs in Lake Erie**
- **Estimate economic impacts of HABs**
- **Develop strategies to eliminate blooms**
- **Forecast occurrence of blooms**
- **Develop strategies to remove toxin**

Opportunities & Strength

- **Include Great Lakes in HAB Legislation**
- **Great support from Congresswoman Kaptur and Senator Voinovich**
- **ORPP—Must show that we are part of it**
- **Collaboration: Stone Lab, UT Lake Erie Center, Heidelberg Water Quality Lab, GLERL, GLNPO, Ohio Sea Grant, LEPF, GLAERC, WLEB, LEMN, GLRRIN**